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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Andrea D Small	Art Unit 1626

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-4 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

I. Preliminary Matters:

(a) Applicants response filed 11/26/2004 has been received and entered into the file.

-Claims 5-9 have been cancelled.

-Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

-Claims 1-4 are pending.

II. Remarks:

(a) Restriction/Election:

As outlined in office action dated 8/27/2003, page 6, item 8, the invention under examination was drawn to compounds of formula II wherein Rx and N were as defined in claim 3. At the time of election, claim 3 and consequently formula II was limited to compounds that were not drawn to a particular solubility parameter and hence the elected invention was examiner without this distinctive parameter taken into consideration. Thus, claims 1 and 2 and parts of claim 4 were withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected inventions as indicated in the office action. In the response filed by Applicant, claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1, which does include such a parameter. This amendment has caused the Applicant to present claims directed to an invention distinct from and independent of the invention previously claimed, thus the Applicant will be required to restrict the claims to the invention previously claimed. Newly amended claim 3 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed and examined as outlined in the office action of 8/27/2003 for the following reasons:

The compounds having a particular solubility parameter are patentably distinct from those compounds that do not have to have same parameter. The interaction and resulting reactive states of the two distinct compounds is such that a reference that would anticipate one of the compounds would not even render the other obvious. Additionally, examining one set of compounds having a certain solubility parameter is not co-extensive with examining compounds without that parameter. The search considerations and search criteria are vastly different; the electronic and manual database search would also be different. Examining both these distinct compounds in the same application would impose a serious burden on the office. Hence, restriction between these groups of inventions is proper.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-4 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

The amendment filed on 11/26/2003, essentially canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because none of the claims contain compounds that do not have the solubility parameter of less than equal to (26MPa)^{1/2}, as was originally filed and elected claim 3.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in

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order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

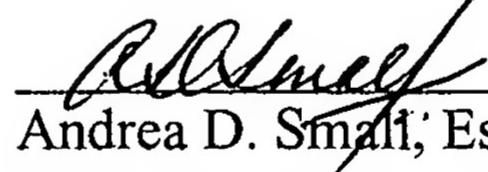
III. Contact Information:

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrea D. Small, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0708. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699 . The Unofficial fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-0708.

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